

More specifically, claims 1 and 3-9 are being amended to convert the Swiss-type use claim to the U.S. method of treatment format. Applicants submit that all of these amendments do not change the scope of the claims as originally filed, because the amendments are being made solely to place the claims in a format appropriate for U.S. prosecution. Such amendments are therefore made to address formalities in the claim format and are not related to the patentability of the subject matter of the claims.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that the subject matter of the pending claims is patentable and that the instant application should accordingly be allowed. If the Examiner believes that a conversation with Applicants' attorney would be helpful in expediting prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (203) 812-3964.

Respectfully submitted,

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